

references of annealing the electrodes to improve its performance and Applicant has found none.

As explained in the specification, Applicant has discovered through his research and development that annealing the copper alloy electrodes after they are machined greatly improves performance of the electrodes. Also as explained, this result was unexpected.

Conclusion

For the above reasons, all of the claims under consideration, namely Claims 1-11 should be allowable and Applicants requests that they be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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